SURPRISE, WAS UNLOCKED, AND FOUND IT NEARLY FULL OF MERCHANDISE; THAT I HAD PLACE IN IT;

I ASK THE CHIEF WHY; GOOD SAID THE CHIEF, " IT IS ALL THERE,- IT IS NOT THE BAGERS WILL THAT THE GOODS OF A STRANGER IS NOT SAFE IN OUR TOWN.

THE CHIEF INFORM THE TOWN THAT I WOULD BE THEIR GUEST. AND, IN LESS THAN HALT AN HOUR, MY HUT WAS VISITED BY MOST OF THE VILLAGE LADIES. WHO BROUGHT A PINT OF RICE, A FEW SPOON FULLS OF PALM OIL, ANOTHER BUNCH OF PEPPER, WHY THE OLDEST LADY OF THE PARTY MADE HERSELF PARTICULARLY REMARKABLE BY THE GIFT OF A SPLENDID FOWL...

THERE WAS NOTHING PECULIAR IN THIS EXHIBITION OF HOSPITALITY, ON ACCOUNT OF MY NATIONALITY. IT WAS MERE FULFILLMENT OF THE VILLAGE LAW; AND THE POOREST BLACK STRANGER WOULD HAVE SHARED THE RITE AS WELL AS MYSELF. I COULD NOT HELP THINKING THAT I MIGHT HAVE TRAVELED FROM ONE END OF ENGLAND OR AMERICAN TO THE OTHER, WITHOUT MEETING A BAGER'S VILLAGE WELCOME. INDEED, IT SEEMED SOMEWHAT QUESTIONABLE, WHETHER IT WERE BETTER FOR THE ENGLISH TO CIVILIZE AFRICA, OR FOR AFRICA TO SEND MISSIONARIES TO BRITAIN.

<u>WHY WE WAS;</u>
IN 1619 THE NEW ENGLISH COLONY OF JAMESTOWN WAS THE SCENE OF TWO EVENTS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE IN THE HISTORY OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY.
1) TWENTY AFRICAN LABORERS WERE BROUGHT INTO THE PORT AND SOLD BY THE CAPTIAN OF A DUTCH SHIP,

2) THE HOUSE OF BURGESSES, AMERICA'S FIRST REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY, MET FOR THE FIRST TIME.